

Committee Meetings

MARKETING AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Marketing and Regulatory Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: William T. Hawks, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Bobby R. Accord, Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; A.J. Yates, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service; and Donna Reifschneider, Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Bureau of Reclamation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Gale A. Norton, Secretary; and John W. Keys III, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Secretary of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from Tom Ridge, Secretary of Homeland Security.

INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Fish and Wildlife Service. Testimony was heard from Steven A. Williams, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Secretary of Health and Human Services. Testimony was heard from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the EPA. Testimony was heard from Michael Leavitt, Administrator, EPA.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National

Defense Authorization budget request—Military Construction Budget Request for the Programs of the Department of the Army and the Department of the Navy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Geoffrey G. Prosch, Acting Assistant Secretary, Installations and Environment; Maj. Gen. Larry J. Lust, USA, Assistant Chief of Staff, Installation Management; Maj. Gen. Walter Pudlowski, USA, Special Assistant to the Director, Army National Guard; and Brig. Gen. Gary M. Profit, USA, Deputy Chief, Army Reserve; and the following officials of the Department of the Navy: H.T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Installations and Environment; Rear Adm. Christopher Weaver, USN, Commander, Navy Installations; and Brig. Gen. Willie J. Williams, USMC, Assistant Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics (Facilities), Commandant of the Marine Corps (LF).

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—AVIATION INDUSTRIAL BASE AND DOD ROTORCRAFT INVESTMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—Aviation Industrial Base and Department of Defense Rotorcraft Investment Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Al Shaffer, Director, Plans and Programs for the Director, Defense Research and Engineering, Office of the Secretary; Maj. Gen. James D. Thurman, USA, Director, Army Aviation Task Force; Tom Laux, Program Executive Officer (Air Anti-Submarine Warfare, Assault, and Special Missions), Department of the Navy; Rear Adm. Andy Winns, USN, Deputy N78 Aviation Requirements Officer for Helicopters, U.S. Navy; and Brig. Gen. Samuel T. Helland, USMC, Assistant Deputy Commandant, Aviation, U.S. Marine Corps; Joseph H. Bogosian, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Transportation and Machinery, Department of Commerce; and a public witness.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST—DOD HOMELAND DEFENSE AND HOMELAND SECURITY MISSIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization Budget Request—Department of Defense Responsibilities in Homeland Defense and Homeland Security Missions. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary (Homeland Defense); Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, USA, Chief, National Guard Bureau; and Maj. Gen. John A. Love, USAF, Special Assistant to the Commander, Northern Command, National Guard Matters.

**CHILD NUTRITION AND IMPROVEMENT
INTEGRITY ACT**

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3873, Child Nutrition Improvement and Integrity Act.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Prescription Drug Monitoring: Strategies to Promote Treatment and Deter Prescription Drug Abuse." Testimony was heard from Representative Rogers of Kentucky; Marcia Crosse, Director, HealthCare/Public Health and Military Health Care Issues; James W. Holsinger, M.D., Secretary, Health and Family Services, State of Kentucky; and public witnesses.

SECURITY DOE NUCLEAR FACILITIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "A Review of Security DOE Nuclear Facilities and the Implementation of the Revised Design Basis Threat." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Glenn S. Podonsky, Director, Office of Security and Safety Performance Assurance; Herbert Richardson, Principal Deputy Inspector General; and William J. Brumley, Manager, Y-12 Site Office, National Nuclear Security Administration; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FDIC

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FDIC: Donald E. Powell, Chairman; and Gaston L. Gianni, Jr., Inspector General; and Jeanette M. Franzel, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3059, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 304 West Michigan Street in Stuttgart, Arkansas, as the "Lloyd L. Burke Post Office;" H.R. 3723, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8135 Forest Lane in Dallas, Texas, as the "Vaughn Gross Post Office Building;" and H.R. 3855, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 607 Pershing Drive in Laclede, Missouri, as the "General John J. Pershing Post Office."

**US-VISIT PROGRAM—GOALS AND
CHALLENGES**

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "America's New Welcome Mat: A Look at the Goals and Challenges of the US-VISIT Program." Testimony was heard from Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary, Border and Transportation Security, De-

partment of Homeland Security; Maura Harty, Assistant Secretary, Consular Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

**U.S. GOVERNMENT STRATEGY FOR
FIGHTING HIV/AIDS**

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on The United States Government Strategy for Fighting HIV/AIDS: Implementation of Public Law 108-25. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Randall L. Tobias, Coordinator for HIV/AIDS, Department of State.

**OVERSIGHT—ALIEN REMOVAL UNDER
OPERATION PREDATOR**

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on Alien Removal Under "Operation Predator." Testimony was heard from Michael J. Garcia, Assistant Secretary, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and John Walsh, host of "America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back."

**OVERSIGHT—U.S. COAST GUARD AND
FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION
REQUESTS; COAST GUARD
AUTHORIZATION ACT**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Coast Guard and Federal Maritime Commission Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Requests, and H.R. 3879, Coast Guard Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security: Adm. Thomas H. Collins, Commandant; and Master Chief Petty Officer, Franklin A. Welch; and Steven R. Blust, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission.

**BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES;
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S BUDGET
PROPOSAL**

Committee on Ways and Means: Approved the Committee's Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2005 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

The Committee also held a hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2005 Budget for the Department of Labor. Testimony was heard from Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Labor.

**TERROR THREATS; DETAINEE
INFORMATION UPDATE**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Terror Threats. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

The Committee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Detainee Information Update. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY'S INFORMATION ANALYSIS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION BUDGET PROPOSAL

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism and the Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security held a joint hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security's Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2005." Testimony was heard from Frank Libutti, Under Secretary, Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

Joint Meetings

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from Al Silvano, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Springfield, Virginia; Joseph L. Fox, Sr., Paralyzed Veterans of America, Paul Bernstein, Jewish War Veterans, and Neil Appleby, Blinded Veterans Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and H. Gene Overstreet, Non Commissioned Officers Association, San Antonio, Texas.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Public Confidence, Down the Drain: The Federal Role in Ensuring Safe Drinking Water in the District of Columbia," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive hearing on Iraqi Weapons of Mass Destruction, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for February, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 8 through March 13, 2004

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 12 noon, Senate will consider the Concurrent Budget Resolution, if available.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: March 9, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for border and transportation security, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 9, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine budget and management challenges for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 9, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Justice, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 10, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for Navy and Marine Corps programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 11, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

March 11, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 10 a.m., SD-106.

March 11, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Library of Congress, 11 a.m., SD-138.

March 11, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Corps of Engineers, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: March 9, to hold hearings to examine current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States; to be followed by a closed session in SH-219, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

March 9, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine military readiness programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

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March 10, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the defense nuclear nonproliferation programs of the Department of Energy and the Cooperative Threat Reduction programs of the Department of Defense in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005; to be followed by closed hearings in SR-232A, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

March 10, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine the posture of the U.S. Transportation Command in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005 and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

March 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine missile defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

March 11, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Army Transformation in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005 and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-232A.